

What is claimed is:

1. A salon tool comprising:
a head region that contains one or more elements adapted to be directed toward the hair or body;
a handle region having a stem; and
a deformable grip adapted to receive at least a portion of the stem into itself.
2. The tool of claim 1 in which the grip comprises a deformable outer surface.
3. The tool of claim 2 in which the deformable outer surface surrounds an inner layer of a deformable viscous medium, the viscous medium being between the outer surface and the stem.
4. The tool of claim 3 in which an inner surface is positioned between the stem and the viscous medium.
5. The tool of claim 3 in which the viscous medium is a putty.
6. The tool of claim 5 in which the viscous medium is a vinyl elastomer or silicone-based putty.
7. The tool of claim 3 in which the viscous medium is a room-temperature curable substance.
8. The tool of claim 1 in which the deformable grip comprises an inner surface and an outer surface, the inner and outer surfaces being connected by radially oriented webs defining chambers containing the viscous medium within the grip, each web containing at least one vent dimensioned so as to permit

the passage of the viscous medium from one chamber to another when pressure is placed on the grip.

9. The tool of claim 8 in which the viscous material is a flowable substance.

10. The tool of claim 9 in which the viscous material is a silicone lubricant.

11. The tool of claim 1 wherein the grip is in the form of a sleeve that radially surrounds the stem of the handle.

12. The tool of claim 1 wherein the grip comprises a groove that receives at least a portion of the stem into itself, the groove being formed by folding the grip in on itself.

13. A salon tool according to claim 1 selected from the group consisting of hair cutting tools, combs, hair clips, sectioning tools, blow dryers, flat irons, crimping irons, curling irons, hot irons, thermal styling tools, nail files, nail clippers, nail buffers, nail nippers, nail pushers, make-up applicators and handheld massagers.

14. Shears comprising:

a head region that contains one or more elements adapted to be directed toward the hair;

a handle region comprising finger loops, each finger loop having an inner diameter; and

deformable grips located on each inner diameter.

15. The shears of claim 14 in which each grip comprises a deformable outer surface.

16. The shears of claim 15 in which the deformable outer surface surrounds an inner layer of a deformable viscous medium, the viscous medium being between the outer surface and the inner diameter of the finger loops.

17. The shears of claim 16 in which an inner surface is positioned between the inner diameter and the viscous medium.

18. The shears of claim 16 in which the viscous medium is a putty.

19. The shears of claim 18 in which the viscous medium is a vinyl elastomer or silicone-based putty.

20. The shears of claim 16 in which the viscous medium is a room-temperature curable substance.

21. The shears of claim 14 in which each deformable grip comprises an inner surface and an outer surface, the inner and outer surfaces being connected by radially oriented webs defining chambers containing the viscous medium within each grip, each web containing at least one vent dimensioned so as to permit the passage of the viscous medium from one chamber to another when pressure is placed on the grip.

22. The shears of claim 21 in which the viscous medium is a flowable substance.

23. The shears of claim 22 in which the viscous medium is a silicone lubricant.

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The shears of claim 13 wherein each grip comprises a groove that receives at least a portion of the inner diameter into itself, groove being formed by folding the grip in on itself.

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